GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
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IMPLEMENTATION OF MPLAD SCHEME
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from various corners including Members of Parliament for not following the guidelines by various State Governments particularly Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh in respect of implementation of MPLAD Schemes;

(b) if so, details of the complaints received and remedial measures/fresh guidelines issued or proposed to be issued for proper utilization of the funds released in the MPLAD Scheme;

(c) whether Divisional Commissioners are also not holding meetings with MPs/Officers as stipulated in the guidelines; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b) The Government has received some complaints from various corners including Members of Parliament about not following the MPLADS Guidelines by some State Governments. The complaints generally relate to delay in sanction of works, delay in execution/completion of works, misappropriation of MPLADS funds, violation of MPLADS Guidelines, irregularities in implementation of MPLAD Scheme. In all cases, the Ministry has called for reports from the State Governments and asked them to take appropriate action against concerned officials. To inculcate further financial discipline at the district level and for making the scheme more transparent, the Government has revised the Guidelines on MPLADS in November 2005.

(c)&(d) As per Para 6.3 of the Guidelines on MPLADS, a committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary/Development Commissioner/ Additional Chief Secretary is required to review MPLADS implementation progress with the District Authorities and MPs at least once a year. Till date, 12 State Governments have formed Monitoring Committees to review the implementation. The remaining States have been reminded to expedite formation of Monitoring Committees.